

## **WFP Video New Release**

### **Violence In Eastern DRC Forces Thousands To Flee**

#### **Democratic Republic of Congo ( DRC )**

**TRT: 2:34**

**00:00-00:32 Nyakabande Transit Centre, Uganda      Shot 13-14 July 2012**

Refugees arriving by foot, refugees on a van crossing border

**00:32-00:42 Nkamira Transit Centre , Rwanda      Shot 26 - 27 June 2012**

Refugees arriving at transit camp where they will be registered as refugees

Various of the camp

**00:42-01:09 Nkamira Transit Centre, Rwanda      Shot 27 June 2012**

**SOT Abdoulaye Balde - WFP Rwanda Country Director**

“These people are isolated they have no means of coping they left everything behind in Congo. we just heard somebody who left 70 cattle behind, others have left other goods so they come here they have no access to land, Rwanda has limited land on its own and people here depend entirely or to a great extent on the international community's assistance through WFP, UNHCR and other agencies.”

**01:09-01:28 Nkamira Transit Centre , Rwanda      Shot 27 June 2012**

WFP food distribution / blanket handouts

child next to cooking pot

**01:28-01:48 Mugunga Camp, Goma, DRC Shot 13 July 2012**

Displaced people eating beans

People cooking WFP beans

**01:48-01:58 Mugunga Camp, Goma, DRC**

**Shot 13-14 July 2012**

Various of the camp

**01:58-02:08 IHUSI, South Kivu , DRC      Shot: 13-14 July 2012**

WFP ration card distribution of emergency food distribution for displaced people

**02:08-02:18 Mugunga, Goma, DRC      Shot 13-14 July 2012**

people using WFP vouchers to buy food

**02:18 - 02:34 Ihusi, DRC              Shot 13-14 July 2012**

Offloading WFP food bags from trucks, WFP food distribution, lady walks away with WFP flour

### **WFP operations in Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda and Uganda.**

In all three countries, WFP is responding to a new wave of violence that has forced hundreds of thousands of Congolese to abandon their homes in search of safety elsewhere in the country or across the Rwandan and Ugandan borders.

In DR Congo, conflict has caused massive displacements since the beginning of the year. WFP is providing assistance to people newly displaced as well as those forced out of their communities by previous waves of violence. Displaced people receive monthly food rations or vouchers to be used at local markets to purchase food. Since March 2012, WFP provided assistance to 535,000 people, 350,000 of them newly displaced.

In Rwanda, nearly 20,000 Congolese have crossed the border since April in search of safety. WFP initially provides emergency food assistance to the refugees as soon as they arrive at the Nkamira Transit Centre, and then continues to give them monthly food rations when they settle at Kigeme Camp, a new camp opened by Rwandan authorities.

In Uganda, Congolese who cross the border first receive assistance and hot meals cooked by WFP at Nyakabande transit centre. Over 30,000 people have crossed the border to seek refuge in Uganda this year. Once the registration is completed, Congolese refugees are relocated to settlements further inland where they continue to receive food assistance from WFP.

In DRC, Rwanda and Uganda, WFP is responding to this emergency while continuing its support to tens of thousands of refugees and people displaced by earlier conflicts in eastern DRC. The agency is mobilizing resources to address the crisis but faces significant budget shortfalls in all three countries. Recently, WFP has been forced to cut food rations in DRC and Uganda due to lack of funding